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SUBJECT: PARTIAL IV GRANT FOR LEONARD NDUWAYO

LEONARD NDUWAYO, CURRENTLY ATTORNEY GENERAL ("PROCUREUR GENERAL" OR CHIEF PROSECUTOR) OF BURUNDI, WILL PROBABLY (BUT NOT POSITIVELY) BE GOING TO TORONTO AT END OF AUGUST TO ATTEND SOME INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN HIS FIELD. DURING CASUAL CONVERSATION, I ASKED HIM WHETHER HE MIGHT LIKE TO VISIT U.S. FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS AFTER MID-SEPTEMBER CLOSE OF MEETING. IN HIS ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE, HE REMINDED ME THAT I HAD ASKED HIM ABOUT AN IV GRANT TO U.S. SIX MONTHS AGO WHEN HE WAS STILL DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN FONOFF. HE SAID HE WOULD BE EVER SO APPRECIATIVE OF CHANCE TO MEET LAWYERS GROUPS, DISTRICT ATTORNEYS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, ETC. DURING TOUR OF NORTHEAST. HE ALSO MENTIONED HIS SUBSIDIARY JOB AS PRESIDENT OF BURUNDI INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATION AND SAID HE WOULD MUCH ENJOY BRIEF GLIMPSE OF WORLD OF AMERICAN COMPETITIVE SPORTS.

NDUWAYO IS ATTRACTIVE OFFICIAL IN EARLY THIRTIES. HE IS
UNUSUALLY OPEN AND FRANK FOR ONE IN HIS POSITION AND WAS AS
HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE WHEN HE WAS IN FONOFF. IN EARLY 1972, WHEN
A SUBORDINATE PROSECUTOR, HE COURAGEOUSLY REFUSED TO PROSECUTE
A POLITICIAN ON CHARGES TRUMPED UP BY RIVALS, AND WAS FIRED
FROM HIS JOB AS A RESULT. HE IS NOW FULLY RESTORED TO REGIME'S
GOOD GRACES AND HAS EXCELLENT PROSPECTS FOR RISING IN HIERLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARCHY. HE HAS NEVER VISITED U.S., BUT WOULD CLEARLY BENEFIT

FROM EXPOSURE. HIS ENGLISH IS HALTING BUT SERVICEABLE.

WE ESTIMATE THAT NDUWAYO VISIT WOULD COST ABOUT DOLLARS ONE THOUSAND (WITH INTERCONTINENTAL TICKET AT GRB EXPENSE). WE WOULD NOT RPT NOT WANT ALLOCATION OF THIS SUM, HOWEVER, TO DETRACT FROM PRESENT PLANS TO HAVE TWO IV GRANTS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1976 (END OF EXTENDED FY-76) IN ADDITION TO CURRENT KASHIRAHAMWE AND BIGAYIMPUNZI GRANTS. CAN CU BUDGET FOR BURUNDI BE STRETCHED FOR NDUWAYO, IF HIS TRAVEL PLANS TO TORONTO ARE CARRIED OUT AS HE HOPES?

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